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The C A R C meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM.

NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 20TH at the Emergency Preparedness Center.

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## KEG'S KORNER

Everyone knows that the Dayton Hamvention is Hamdom's Greatest Weekend for all the Hams who travel there annually; unless you have a brush with local law enforcement authorities.

In recent years, there have been many reported instances ("Horror Stories" would be a more accurate term) of an unsuspecting Ham, who in his anxiety to get inside the Hara Arena, found the Hara Arena parking area filled-up and decided to park his auto in front of someone's driveway, straddle the curb, double-park, park on someone's lawn or even park all day in the shopping mall parking lot down the road.

DO NOT DO ANY OF THE ABOVE IN DAYTON!!!!

Picture this scenario and it's happened many times over. You come out of the Hara Arena and your car is gone. Was it stolen or towed?

With no wheels, you call a cab to take you downtown to the Police Department. They tell you it was towed away to an impound lot and you pay them the fine to get a release form for the impound lot. You then take another cab to the impound lot and after arriving there, you pay the towing charges and storage fees, before you get your car back, all to the tune of well over \$200. If at this time you haven't already spent all your money at the arena on Ham goodies, you can breath a sigh of relief. If not, better wire home for some more money.

This is not intended to put a damper on anyone's plans for a trip to Dayton, only to forewarn you that if you do anything illegal while driving or parking in the area, be prepared to cough up some "bread". And I am not just singling out Dayton, the same is true in any city



hosting a convention or large-scale gathering.

The fact that 30,000 Amateurs are coming to town and bringing with them lots of money, brings out the best in society's vultures.

Another point to remember. If you go partying, don't flash money around unless you don't mind being robbed or "rolled" as they say in the less-honest circles. Anyone who has had a "few-too-many" is an easy target and near-defenseless for those with sticky fingers.

And speaking of sticky fingers, don't forget about pick-pockets! If you have a wallet containing credit cards (they're worth at least 50 bucks in a poker game) and all the hard-earned cash you've been saving for that new rig, keep it in one of your front pants pockets with your hand in that pocket. It keeps your hands warm and your cash safe. And don't get any other ideas....hi.

And last, there is always someone in the waiting line out front, who has some left-over tickets they will sell you at their cost, \$8.00. Thinking that you can save \$2.00 because at the ticket window, they want \$10.00 for tickets to the Hamvention, you're tempted to buy. Beware! Beware! Last year someone was actually selling COUNTERFEIT HAMVENTION TICKETS!!!!

I bought 2 tickets last year from an officer of a Philadelphia Amateur Radio Club who explained he ordered too many advanced tickets and would sell them for \$8.00 each. When we got up to the gates, we heard the guards say they were checking for bogus tickets. Dolly looked at me and I looked at her and thought, UH OHHHH! Both of us thinking we'd been fleeced for \$16, were relieved when they let us through the gate and the "Man From Philly" turned out to be honest. Others were not so fortunate and were turned back at the gate and had to spend another \$10.00 for a valid ticket to get into Hara.

Go to Dayton, have a good time, keep a cool head, be patient, don't do anything foolish and bring back a new rig or whatever, not another chapter for the "HORRORS OF DAYTON".

Am I going to Dayton knowing all this? WOULDN'T MISS IT FOR ANYTHING!

Frank KEBG

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#### VOLUNTEER EXAMS

Volunteer Exams are taken for granted these days. We should all thank Dick WB8VUN and his fine team of helpers for doing this much appreciated job for the rest of us. Besides all the preliminary work to get ready for the exams, at least five hours are needed to give the exams and do all the paper work that is involved. At this last session, there were twelve volunteers giving of their time to give the tests.

Dick reports that the first test session was held on August 25th, 1984. To date, there has been 439 that have taken the tests with 268 being successful, for a pass rate of 61%. Results, there are 19 Extra



Class, 52 Advanced Class, 59 General Class, 128 Technician Class and 10 new Novice Class Amateurs in this area.

Besides being the VE Coordinator for Stark County Exam Sessions, he is also the Training Coordinator. Thanks to Dick and his many helpers, we have many new Novices that got their start in Amateur Radio through this team's efforts. THANKS FELLOWS AND GALS.

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#### CANTON CHAPTER 21 - 25TH ANNIVERSARY

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Canton Chapter of the Quarter Century Wireless Association, members will host an Antique Radio and Communication Show at the McKinley Museum of Science, History and Industry, during the month of May.

A display of Antique Radios, breadboard gear of the 30's, publications in the teens, slide tuner receiver, rotary spark gap, etc., will be shown.

This is our attempt to record some of our local Amateur history into the record books. Members of the local area Clubs, are invited to visit the Museum, during the month of May. Be sure and register at the QCWA Ledger, as interest is needed. On the drawing board, is a Radio Store, plus a Service Shop, to be located in the Hall of Shops.

Further information about the Banquet on May 21st, will be in the May Feedline, also monitor or check in on 147.42 Tuesday nights at 8:30 PM.

Henry W8OYV

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#### BUDDIES TO THE RESCUE !!!!

Which one of the regular attendees of the Saturday Morning Breakfast of Amateur Radio Operators, left without paying his bill???? Yes, it happened !

After much discussion, with thoughts of washing dishes or cleaning tables to meet the obligation, the majority checked their pockets for extra loose change. Finally, with a quarter from here and a quarter from there, they managed to come up with enough to pay the bill and save the reputation of the Amateur Fraternity. Now all that remains is to get a pocket full of change (like quarters) and repay all those buddies that came to the "RESCUE". I am sure they will not let him forget the matter and will continue to remind him. Aren't "Buddies" supposed to do that ??????

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#### LICENSE RENEWAL REMINDER

One of the benefits of being a CARC member, is receiving a 610 form and a letter, to remind you when your cherished Amateur Radio license



is about to expire. However, this info must be in the database records, for you to receive this benefit. Our present records show 13 expired licenses and 57 members that we do not have the data for. If you filled out the renewal form completely when you renewed your membership, we have the info. If you recently renewed your license, we need the new expiration date. Please check with Bill K8JZN to be sure we have the data. It is for your benefit.

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#### MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING

The March meeting of CARC began at 7:30 PM with a round of introduction by about 40 members and guests in attendance.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Hamfest flyers and announcements were received and reported by Secy Frank KE8G;

- 1- Beaver Valley PA Hamfest & Computer Show on March 20
- 2- Greater Baltimore MD Hamboree & Computerfest on March 26 & 27
- 3- Medina County Hamfest on May 8

TREASURER'S REPORT - Stan NNBM reported that we had \$1851.41 in checking, \$326.43 in savings and a CD that is worth \$2118.32 for a total of \$4296.16. Our largest recent expenditures were \$190 for the Stark County Directories, \$70 for paper and printing of Feedline headers and \$111.18 for insurance on \$8494 worth of club equipment. Stan also informed club members where to find an Antarctica station that has been coming in real strong recently on 20 meters. Hmmm..., didn't know our Treasurer was a DX'er! What'll he astound us with next? Motion made to accept Treasurer's report as read, by Charlie K8BYC, seconded by Denny K8NIB and passed.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - Prez Myron reported that the Board decided 1- Against a cash prize offering for our upcoming raffle. We'll stick to a choice of either a scanner, hand-held, radar detector or a VCR for the winner. 2- The idea of a possible 1989 Hamfest was also kicked around and to possibly bill one as also an Electronic & Computer Show to broaden the scope of such an affair to attract more of a crowd.

MISC. TOPICS - Also discussed at the March club meeting, were 1- How to get new Novices more involved. 2- Notify local Boy Scout Troops of some of our club activities like Field Day, since they have a Merit Badge for Radio. 3- Myron still had about 6 rooms available in Dayton during Hamvention weekend. 4- It was also reported that Vern Seely WB8IUR, who sold antennas at area Hamfests for many years, is now a Silent Key. Vern was always willing to help many of our club members, including your Secy, with antennas, RTTY, computers and repeaters. An extremely likeable fella; he'll certainly be missed.

FROM WDSAYE - Dave told all present of Tornado Awareness Week during March 20 thru March 26. Ed Cox had the announcement of the upcoming Skywatch Training session on April 20 at TMMC.



28.150 - Anyone who wants some CW activity, Larry K8RMY says he monitors this frequency most of the time and welcomes contacts there.

WBEK'S REPORT - 1- Ken told us the UPS/220 situation does not look good for Amateurs. UPS is a big rich entity, compared to the "poor" lowly Ham, so it looks like UPS may get some of our 220 frequencies. 2- Extra callsigns being issued now includes calls like WCBW and Advanced are down to KE8PA series.

50-50 DRAWING - \$15.50 was won by Dick K8BZK. Congrats, Dick.

PROGRAM - Treas Stan NN8M demonstrated a Lifeline unit for elderly and ailing people, who can use it to summon help in time of need. A very useful device, should someone fall or pass out, they are assured of a means that someone will know they need help. Thanks Stan, many of us did not know of such a device's existence.

ADJOURNMENT - After the program by Stan, we all QSY'ed to the kitchen for refreshments and eyeball QSO's.

Minutes recorded & prepared by Frank KE8G Secy

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FOR SALE -W8DQV ESTATE PROPERTY - MAKE AN OFFER - Contact Art W8FEC on 863-0704. Money goes into club funds.

- 1- Viking Transmitter
- 1- Collins Receiver 75A3
- 1- Transmitter, Navy Model TCK in 5 foot housing
- 1- Home Brew Power Supply, High Voltage
- 1- Tuned RF Receiver, w/plug-in coils
- 1- Alliance Booster, Casca-matic, VHF w/tubes
- 1- Power Supply, HD Navy, P/O Homing Equipment YG-1
- 3- Capacitors, HV low cap (est 2mfd-2KV)
- 1- Transformer, HD boat anchor HV
- 1- Transformer, 1000VCT, 400Ma, Stancor P-8025
- 1- Transformer, HV Thordarson 19P67
- 1- Transformer, 12V, High Amp
- 2- Swinging Chokes Altec-Lansing, 45-450 Ma, 20-4H
- 1- Swinging Choke UTC CG-109
- 1- Choke UTC CG-103
- 1- Transformer Peerless 5151
- 1- Power Supply, partially built with 3B28 tubes
- 1- Power Supply on 19" panel 450V
- 1- Transformer, voltage unknown, includes caps for rectifiers

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#### NEW CALLS

Have you heard those strange new calls on the repeaters?

First we have WCBF ex/KC8VG Ron Gwynne, then WCB1 ex/KE8LB Bill Deem and last WCBW ex/KDBAM Gary Kline. Now all they have to do is order new QSL cards, change their license plates to the new call, when new plates are due and try to remember which call to use on the air,



Hi, Hi.

Also another new call being heard is NBJBB ex/KABYMM Dan Hutcheson, who chose to get a new call when he up-graded.

We also have a couple up-grades in the area. KBBAOK Jim Lincoln has up-graded to General Class and KABNAK Howard (Mac) McIlvain has been heard on two meters using the interim DT.

Congratulations fellows. Now everyone will know who you are.

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#### WBAL CLUB REPEATER USAGE

PREPARED BY KABPNQ

As you may have noticed, computers have become more and more a part of day-to-day life. The highly sophisticated computer controlling the club's repeater, is just one example.

As well as handling functions such as phone patches, the mailbox, touch-tone pad test and time-out timers, the RC-850 controller performs some "housekeeping" services too. One of the services the controller performs 24-hours a day, is to track the usage of the repeater. The control operator only need enter a few commands and the controller will provide up-to-the-minute information on usage of such functions as number of repeater keyups, number of minutes of repeater transmitter on the air, number of phone patches made and how many times the mailbox has been accessed. You might have asked yourself at one time "Just how much is the club repeater used"? The following numbers should speak for themselves. They reflect repeater usage for the period February 29th to March 31st, 1983.

Repeater input keyups=	11,091
Minutes repeater on air=	2,338 (38.9 Hours)
Phone patches made=	48
Mailbox accesses=	2

Judging from the number of mailbox accesses, it appears the mailbox could withstand a little heavier use. If there is a "canned" message which you feel would be appropriate for use in the repeater mailbox, contact Bill K8JZN and he will see if it is possible to have the message stored in the controller, using the synthesized speech vocabulary. Remember, being a dues paying member of CARC, a portion of those dues go toward maintaining the repeater. The WBAL repeater is there to serve you!

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#### UP-COMING VOLUNTEER EXAM SCHEDULE

APRIL 23 - GOODYEAR ARC	CONTACT SAM KC8FH ON 633-5250
MAY 28 - STARK COUNTY	CONTACT DICK WB8VUN ON 453-5896